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A.—(a) Yes, except from the Madras Motor Vehicles Importers and Allied Merchants' Association.

(b) No.

(c) Yes.

(d) Yes.

(e) Presidents of most of the district boards have forwarded their opinions.

(f) The draft rules are under consideration. It cannot now be stated when the draft rules will be published for public criticism and made final and brought into force.

Mr. K. A. NACHIYAPPA GOUNDER :—" Sir, in answer to clause (b) the Government say ' No.' May I ask why the opinions received are not placed on the table of the House for the House to study them and get the necessary information? "

The Hon. Rao Bahadur A. T. PANNIRSELVAM :—" The opinion was called for for the information and guidance of the Government."

Mr. K. A. NACHIYAPPA GOUNDER :—" With reference to clause (c), may I know where was the necessity to consult these bodies again when persons representing them have already served on the Committee? "

The Hon. Rao Bahadur A. T. PANNIRSELVAM :—" Individual members of those Associations were members of the Committee, but the Government thought it might be useful to get the opinion of those Associations as a whole."

Mr. V. M. RAMASWAMI MUDALIYAR :—" May I ask whether this Committee considered the question of third party insurance in the case of every car? "

The Hon. Rao Bahadur A. T. PANNIRSELVAM :—" Yes, Sir, I understand the question was considered."

Mr. V. M. RAMASWAMI MUDALIYAR :—" May I know what was the result of such consideration? "

The Hon. Rao Bahadur A. T. PANNIRSELVAM :—" The matter is under the consideration of the Government and they will pass orders on it later on."

Mr. K. A. NACHIYAPPA GOUNDER :—" May I ask when the rules are likely to be published for public criticism? "

The Hon. Rao Bahadur A. T. PANNIRSELVAM :—" As soon as the exigencies of official business enable us to consider the matter."

Uniformity in regulating bus traffic in the province.

* 725 Q.—Mr. K. A. NACHIYAPPA GOUNDER : Will the Hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether a Government Order has been issued constituting a committee consisting of the District Magistrate, the District Superintendent of Police and the District Board President of each district

and suggesting the fixing of fixed timings, and the number of buses on each road in the matter of regulation of hire buses;

(*b*) if so, whether a copy of it will be placed on the table;

(*c*) in which of the districts the system of fixing regular timings for the arrival and departure of hire buses, and the system of limiting the maximum number of hire buses on each road are followed;

(*d*) what the reasons are for not adopting the same policy in the rest of the districts;

(*e*) whether representations have been received for adopting a regular timing system in Salem district, and, if so, from whom and how they have been disposed of; and

(*f*) what the system now in force in Salem district is with regard to the hire bus traffic?

A.—(*a*) Yes, but it is left entirely to the local authorities in each district whether or not to arrange a fixed schedule of timings for buses.

(*b*) A copy of the G.O. No. 1741, Law (General), dated the 7th June 1934, on the subject is in the Legislative Council Library.

(*c*) & (*d*) Government have no information. The matter is left to the discretion of the local authorities in each district.

(*e*) Yes. A representation was received from the hon. Member himself and it was forwarded to the District Magistrate, Salem, who has full discretion to act in the matter.

(*f*) The Government have no information.

Mr. K. A. NACHIYAPPA GOUNDER:—" With reference to clauses (*c*) and (*d*) the Government say they have no information. May I ask why the Government have not called for the information to know the exact position in each of the districts and then pass necessary orders so that there may be some uniformity in the matter? "

The Hon. Rao Bahadur A. T. PANNIRSELVAM:—" As I have repeatedly said, to obtain uniformity in all the districts is an impossibility. Each Committee is given discretion. The Government do not propose to interfere with the discretion of the local committees which consist of the District Magistrate, the District Superintendent of Police and the President of the District Board. I do not think any useful purpose will be served by the Government calling for the information."

Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN:—" May I ask whether it is open to any one of these three local authorities individually to fix the timings or make rules? "

The Hon. Rao Bahadur A. T. PANNIRSELVAM:—" I do not think so, Sir; it is for the Committee to do it."

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Mr. U. C. Subrahmanya Bhatt:—"May I ask whether it is open to the Committee to fix the rates of fares also?"

The Hon. Rao Bahadur A. T. Pannirselvam:—"Notice, Sir."

Police

Names and places of posting of the 52 Sub-Inspectors of Police recruited recently.

* 726 *Q.*—Rao Bahadur Subadar-Major S. A. Nanjappa Bahadur: Will the Hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) the names of the 52 persons appointed recently as Police Sub-Inspectors showing the community to which each belonged and the places to which each is posted (vide his reply to questions—Council Proceedings, pages 354 and 355, dated 1st November 1935);

(*b*) how many Vanniyakula Kshatriyas have sent their applications for this post and their names also; and

(*c*) the subject in which a candidate should pass (qualify) before the Public Services Commission, to be selected for the post of Police Sub-Inspector?

A.—(*a*) The information is not readily available and the Government see no reason to call for it.

(*b*) Three qualified Vanniyakula Kshatriyas applied for the post and their names are—

(1) M. Krishna Rao,
(2) A. Arumugam, and
(3) A. V. Loganathan.

(*c*) Candidates who apply to the Madras Services Commission for selection for appointment as Sub-Inspector of Police are not required to sit for any examination.

Rao Bahadur Subadar-Major S. A. Nanjappa Bahadur:—"With reference to the answer to clause (*a*) may I ask why the Government see no reason to call for the information asked for?"

The Hon. Rao Bahadur A. T. Pannirselvam:—"The Government thought that no useful purpose would be served by calling for information as to where these 52 sub-inspectors have been posted."

Rao Bahadur Subadar-Major S. A. Nanjappa Bahadur:—"Considering that the population of Vanniyakula Kshatriyas is about 35 lakhs, may I ask why no one from this community has been appointed although 52 appointments were made?"

The Hon. Rao Bahadur A. T. Pannirselvam:—"I am afraid I cannot answer this question. The Services Commission can do it."

Mr. M. A. Manikkavelu Nayakar:—"Sir, when qualified applicants are not available from this community, the Government say that qualified applicants are not available and therefore no one from this community